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I-5 LANE CLOSURES: AUGUST 10-29 The First Weekday Closures

August 13, 2007
Bulletin #3

Next Bulletin:
Friday, August 17

Closure Dates:
August 10, 22:00 to
August 29, 05:00

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Closure Debrief for Healthcare Partners**:

August 30, 2007, 7:30am
Region 6 Meeting
KCECC, Renton
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Stage 2

Estimated Start: Monday, August 10

Estimated Finish: Friday, August 17

Stage 2 Changes

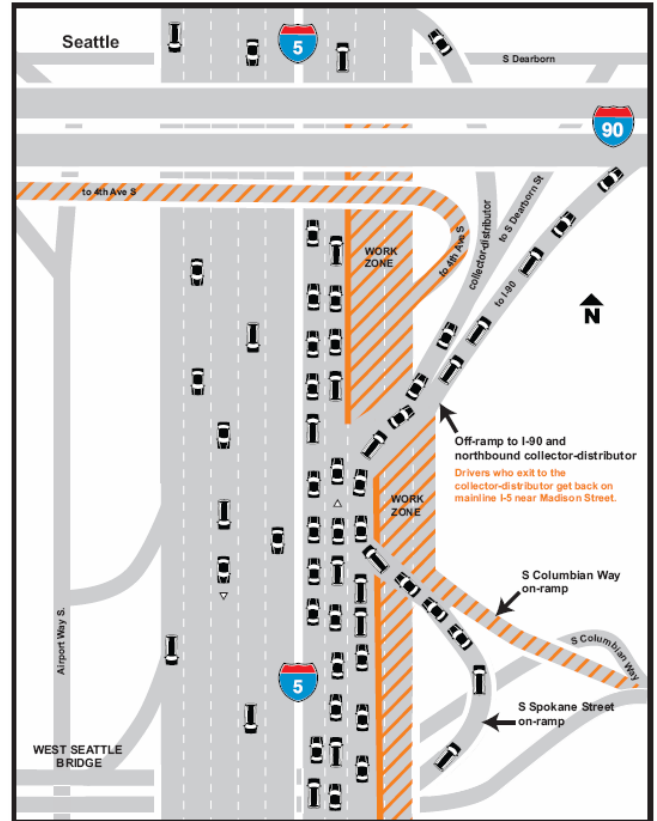
- 4th Ave S Exit is closed.
- S Columbian Way onramp to NB I-5 is closed.

Monday Morning Commute

- Traffic Monday morning through the construction zone and on surface streets was very light.
- Airport Way remained relatively clear and WSDOT encouraged drivers to use that arterial for an alternate route.
- I-405 saw some additional volumes due to diverted traffic.
- Sounder trains were packed and parking at/near the Sounder stations was entering overflow lots. Almost all trains were standing room only.

Other Things to Consider

- WSDOT is concerned about the "boomerang effect"—people who saw light traffic today and will change their commute tomorrow.
- WSDOT predicts that Wednesday's commute will be the true indicator of the adjusted traffic patterns for the remainder of the construction.
- During the daily EMS conference call regarding the closure, EMS agencies and Airlift NW shared that there were no major issues over the weekend.
- The Mariners games this week could create additional traffic headaches.
- Rain this week could slow construction progress.



Contacting the RMRC between August 10-29



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Drive Prepared: During the Closures and Beyond

Public Health-Seattle & King County is encouraging drivers to drive prepared, not only during the closures but whenever they hit the streets. Drivers are urged to treat a trip on Northbound I-5 through the closure zone as they would a trip over the mountain passes during the winter.

- ✓ Use a reliable vehicle. *WSDOT will have additional Incident Response Teams on the roads, but a stalled vehicle could cost drivers high towing fees and huge headaches.*
- ✓ Have a full fuel tank.
- ✓ Take some food and water.
- ✓ Have a fully-charged cell phone.
- ✓ If you have a chronic medical condition, take your medication with you.
- ✓ If you are diabetic, have water, protein bars or glucose supplements with you.
- ✓ If you are experiencing a medical emergency, do not attempt to drive into Seattle. Call 911 and medics will evaluate, stabilize, and assist the patient with safe and appropriate transport options.

~~Stage 1~~ - Friday, August 10, 22:00 to Monday, August 13

Stage 2 - Monday, August 13 to Friday, August 17

Stage 3 - Saturday, August 18 to Sunday, August 19

Stage 4 - Monday, August 20 to Tuesday, August 21

Stage 5 - Wednesday, August 22 to Wednesday August 29

***These stages are weather dependant and may change.*

Resources

Contact your local EOC to liaison with DOT during the project.

Contact the RMRC for assistance with medical vendor issues during the project.

Check this website during the project for updates: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/SpokaneStreetBridgeRepair/>

Questions?

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